

**[Executive Committee, State EMS Advisory Board]
[VAVRS State Headquarters; Oilville], Virginia
[Thursday, December 14, 2006]
[1:00 PM]**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Karen Wagner Gary Dalton Morris Reece Randy Abernathy Jennie Collins Dr. James Dudley		Gary R. Brown Scott Winston Beth Singer	Rob Logan Tina Skinner Heidi Hooker Bryon Andrews David Barrick Ed Rhodes Bob Wingfield Doug Adams Shirley Bagby Dreama Chandler

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I. Chair Welcome	Karen Wagner welcomed everyone to the meeting and those in attendance were requested to complete a sign-in sheet as well as introduce themselves.	
II. Rescue Museum/National EMS Memorial Service	<p>Gary Brown reported there is a national movement to create National EMS Museum. The museum would consist of three phases: virtual museum, traveling exhibit, and a permanent display. The Executive Committee of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) has discussed supporting a National EMS Museum project but deferred any decision until it can be determined what will be the affect on the National EMS Memorial Service that is held on an annual basis during Memorial Day weekend in Roanoke, VA.</p> <p>Karen Wagner reported the “To The Rescue Museum,” that houses exhibits and the Tree of Life, recognizing those that have lost their lives in the line of duty have closed. Tarry Pribble, President, VAVRS has made arrangements with a bank to settle any outstanding debts. The artifacts from the museum are being housed by VAVRS until some other arrangement can be worked out.</p> <p>Dreama Chandler, VP, VAVRS reported currently they have no place to open the museum. The</p>	

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	<p>membership of VAVRS is supportive of working with the steering committee of the National EMS Museum Project. However, they wish to retain specific artifacts that are unique to VAVRS or have special meaning for the “To the Rescue Museum.”</p> <p>Randy Abernathy stated we should request the National EMS Museum Project Steering Committee to include someone from Virginia.</p> <p>It was further discussed that the National EMS Museum should be located in Northern Virginia/DC/MD area in order to ensure the greatest access. The cost of real estate in metropolitan Washington is significant. It was suggested a statue could be placed on public property and a service could be held at the site until a permanent building could be built.</p> <p>Doug Adams reported the Julian Stanley Wise Foundation has disbanded. However, an educational institution in Roanoke has approached several former board members and offered to house the exhibit on an interim basis until a permanent location could be identified.</p> <p>Karen Wagner suggested the formation of a work group comprised of key stakeholder organizations to discuss forming a Task Force to explore the possibilities of supporting a National EMS Museum in Virginia.</p> <p>Gary Brown reported the Executive Committee of NASEMSO has established no deadline on making a decision and is waiting on feedback from Virginia.</p>	<p>Karen Wagner – talk with key stakeholder organizations to discuss the composition of a task group to explore the placement of artifacts from the “To The Rescue Museum” in a National EMS Museum located in Virginia.</p>
<p>III. State EMS Medical Director</p>	<p>Gary Brown reported the Medical Direction Committee of the State EMS Advisory Board formed a sub-committee chaired by Dr. Kim Mitchell to review and examine the future direction, roles and structure of EMS Medical Direction in the Commonwealth. The purpose of this effort is to revise and update the contract for professional services and scope of work for the State EMS Medical Director. Gary reported Dr. Carol Gilbert will be stepping down as the state EMS Medical Director effective January 1, 2007.</p> <p>Gary Brown reported he has assigned Scott Winston to pull together information completed by the sub-committee that includes: recommended changes by Dr. Carol Gilbert to the existing medical direction contract, ASTM Standards for EMS Medical Direction, Joint position paper by NASEMSO, NAEMSP, and ACEP on Medical Direction, sample position descriptions, and model medical director contracts. Gary reported the State Medical Director position works under contract to the Office of EMS and reports directly to the Director. Concern was expressed by several committee members that the State Medical Director may be requested to perform other functions within VDH, i.e., emergency preparedness and response, etc. OEMS is looking to negotiate a professional services contract for between 25 and 30 hours per week.</p>	

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	<p>Scott Winston reported only four states currently have full time state medical directors (OH, GA, MD, and WV.) Scott reported he is currently reviewing the position descriptions for medical direction from WV, MD, and Chesterfield County.</p> <p>Scott reported he will be distributing a draft scope of work, position description, and justification to establish a full-time State Medical Director position. These materials will be sent by Email to members of the Medical Direction Committee and Executive Committee during the first week of January 2007. The Medical Direction Committee will discuss these documents at their January 18, 2007 meeting.</p>	<p>Scott Winston - Distribute draft position description, scope of work and justification for full time State Medical Director to the Medical Direction Committee for their review prior to their January 18, 2007 meeting. Distribute draft documents to Executive Committee of the EMS Advisory Board for their review and comment.</p>
<p>IV. Regional EMS Council Study</p>	<p>Scott Winston reported the Office of EMS received four (4) proposals in response to a solicitation to conduct a study of the regional EMS Council structure and organization in Virginia. Proposals were received by Navigant Consulting, ASMI, IME, and TriData.</p> <p>Scott reported an evaluation team comprised of him, Dennis Molnar, Tim Perkins, Tina Skinner and Karen Wagner have reviewed each proposal and have unanimously recommended a top choice to conduct the study. Scott reported OEMS is currently reviewing references and has scheduled a conference call for Tuesday, December 19, 2006 to seek clarification concerning questions, scope of work, and deliverables.</p> <p>It is estimated the study will begin in January 2007 and take approximately 5 to 6 months to complete.</p>	
<p>V. New Business</p>	<p><u>AED Legislation</u> - Del. David Toscano is proposing to introduce a bill to require all “fitness facilities” with 100 or more customers per day to have an AED. The bill identifies the EMS Advisory Board to review plans and the Board of Health to promulgate regulations.</p> <p>Gary Brown reported OEMS is not longer responsible for registering AED’s and should not be expected to inspect and permit these devices and facilities. OEMS is in favor of the concept but some other mechanism should be identified to ensure covered entities comply with the regulation (i.e. Building/Fire Code Commission).</p> <p><u>DHS Grant – EMS Stakeholder Group</u> - OEMS participated in a day long DHD grant request meeting in March 2006. OEMS participated in the Health and Medical sub-group, one of five-teen (15) identified groups at the meeting. DHS grant funding guidelines require at least 10% of the funding received by the state to be used for EMS. The number one (1) priority for funding from the Health and Medical</p>	

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	<p>sub-group was for the development and implementation of a state level, Web based, patient care data reporting system.</p> <p>Recently OEMS was contacted by the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) and requested to submit names for an EMS Stakeholders group to advise OCP on funding issues. Mr. Bob Mauskapf, Statewide Planning Coordinator already represents VDH on the Health and Medical sub-panel committee formed by OCP. The officers of the EMS Advisory Board (Wagner, Abernathy, and Collins), a board representative of the key stakeholders in the EMS system will represent EMS on the OCP EMS Stakeholders group.</p> <p><u>STEMI</u> (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) - It was reported Warren Short and Scott Winston met with Dr. Joe Ornato and Dr. Michael Kurz on December 6 to discuss developing a system of care for patients suffering from sudden cardiac events in Virginia. Specifically; evolving acute myocardial infarctions due to cardiovascular disease requiring rapid treatment and percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedures (i.e., cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, placement of stents, and other artery opening devices as needed.)</p> <p>Drs. Ornato and Kurz have been invited to address the EMS Advisory Board in February 2007 to discuss forming a neutral steering committee/work group/advisory panel for the purposes of developing guidelines for a proof of concept project to include; patient care protocols, interfacility transfer agreements, education and training objectives, quality improvement procedures, etc. when dealing with patients that require rapid reperfusion due to coronary artery disease.</p> <p>There are currently a number of EMS agencies in Virginia that employ STEMI programs (Northern Virginia, Roanoke).</p>	
VI. State EMS Advisory Board Retreat	<p>Karen Wagner reported there will be a facilitated meeting of the State EMS Advisory Board and other selected key stakeholder groups/individuals to discuss the placement of the Office of EMS in State Government. The meeting will be held at the Richmond Marriott West on Friday, January 5, 2007.</p> <p>VDEM/VDFP Stakeholders Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at the Virginia Dept. of Fire Programs in Glen Allen, VA. The group held facilitated, interactive discussions to prioritize critical issues during the next 18 months. Issue work groups were identified and initial actions plans were discussed to take action on the prioritized issues.</p> <p>The top two priorities identified during the stakeholder meeting were the lack of a shared vision between Public Safety Agencies and the relocation of the State Fire Marshal and Office of EMS to the Secretary of Public Safety.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT		
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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.	

